

an anchor, and the Captain himself went ashore to speak with the Spaniards. To whom, he declared himself to be an Englishman, and came thither to trade with them, by the way of merchandise; and therefore required license for the same.

Unto whom, they made answer, that " They were forbidden by the King to traffic with any foreign nation, upon penalty to forfeit their goods." Therefore they desired him " not to molest them any further; but to depart as he came ! for other comfort he might not look for at their hands : because they were subjects, and might not go beyond the law."

But he replied, " His necessity was such, as he might not do so. For being in one of the Queen of England's *Armados*, and having many soldiers in them ; he had need of some refreshing for them, and of victuals, and of money also : without the which, he could not depart." And, with much other talk, persuaded them not to fear any dishonest part on his behalf towards them ; for neither would he commit any such thing to the dishonour of his Prince, nor yet for his honest reputation and estimation, unless he were too rigorously dealt withal, which he hoped not to find at their hands : in that it should as well redound to their profit as his own, and also he thought they might do it without danger; because their Princes were in amity one with another, and for our parts, we had free traffic in Spain and Flanders which are in his dominions ; and therefore he knew no reason why he should not have the like in all his dominions.

To the which, the Spaniards made an answer, that " It lay not in them, to give any license ; for that they had a Governor to whom the government of those parts was committed; but if they would stay ten days, they would send to their Governor, who was threescore leagues off; and would, within the space appointed, return answer of his mind."

In the meantime, they were contented he should bring his ships into harbour; and there they would deliver him any victuals he would require.

Whereupon, the fourth day, we went in, where, being one day, and receiving all things according to promise, the Captain advised himself that to remain there ten days idle, spending victuals and men's wages; and perhaps, in the end, receive no good answer from the Governor, it were mere folly, were mere folly; and therefore determined to make